

## **OPERATOR**

(Promotional Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS**

This class encompasses positions, the major duties of which include the operation of apparatus and equipment and the protection of life and property through fire prevention, rescue, and the extinguishing of fires. Work involves the protection of life and property, prevention of fire hazard, and general duties related to the care and use of departmental equipment and property. Employees of this class are responsible for driving fire equipment to and from the scene of a fire and for operating the pumps and other equipment as required. Operator's perform assigned routine tasks independently, and all other decisions or work assignments are received from a superior. This class reports to and has work reviewed by a Fire Captain. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Captain.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Answers both emergency and non emergency calls, recording pertinent information and responding according to department procedures. Selects shortest available route to fire or emergency scene. Drives fire apparatus, making sure to follow all laws and safety regulations.

Places apparatus at fire scene according to instructions of commanding officer. Performs pumper operations in order to supply water to the hose lines. Performs hose operations including deploying, making and breaking connections, advancing, and utilizing various types of nozzles and appliances. Sets up truck jacks or outriggers on each side of truck so that when aerial ladder is in position, the truck will not tip. Performs automatic sprinkler system support operations. Performs standpipe system support operations through siamese connections; connects hose to standpipe station for interior attack or exposure protection. Relays radio messages between headquarters and firefighting personnel.

Performs duties as part of the fire attack and suppression team when not engaged in operating pump or other equipment. Secures the fire scene to prevent removal or damage of evidence of suspected arson. Assists arson investigation personnel.

Performs routine service and maintenance on fire department apparatus and equipment, including cleaning apparatus after use

and seeing that necessary equipment is in working condition and replaced on apparatus as required. Conducts required tests of fire department apparatus and equipment. Performs daily radio checks. Maintains inventory of supplies and equipment.

Performs pre-fire planning inspections by visiting businesses, schools, and places of public assembly located in an assigned area in order to become familiar with all area features which might become important in a fire or emergency situation. Reports fire hazards or safety violations to the appropriate authority.

Provides informal or "on-the-job" training for new employees. Participates in training and/or drills.

Promotes a positive public image of the work of the department in the daily performance of duties by interacting with community members in both emergency and non-emergency situations and in both formal and informal settings, providing assistance and information as needed.

Performs any related duties assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

After offer of promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a medical examination prepared and administered by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position.

Must establish and maintain residency within a twenty (20) mile radius (air miles) of the Opelousas city limits at all times while employed with the city of Opelousas.

Must possess a current valid Louisiana driver's or chauffeur's license.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Firefighter immediately preceding the closing date for application to the board.

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